

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A compact disc of circular and non-circular shape comprising:
  - a disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;
  - a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body and covered by a protective coating;
  - a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;
  - at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion containing a hidden printing; and
  - a scratch-off paint coating covering said defined area.
2. A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the defined area printing is separated from the scratch-off paint by a translucent interlayer coating for protecting the hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint.
3. A compact disc of claim 2, wherein the interlayer coating overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.
4. A compact disc of claim 3, wherein the thickness of the interlayer coating is in the range from 40 to 58 microns.
5. A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the scratch-off paint coating bears a guidance printing.

6. A compact disc of circular and non-circular shape comprising:

    a disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;

    a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body and covered by a protective coating;

    a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;

    at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion and containing a hidden printing;

    a translucent interlayer coating covering the defined area; and

    a scratch-off paint coating applied to said interlayer coating.

7. A compact disc of claim 6, wherein the translucent interlayer coating is from 40 to 58 microns in thickness and overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.